

What is claimed is:

1. Apparatus for the removal of accumulated material comprising
- an elongated control member;
 - a curved scoop having an edge attached to said control member; and
 - means for facilitating the movement of said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material;
- wherein a strut mechanism extends from said elongated control member to said curved scoop over the curvature thereof and the facilitating means is attached thereto.
2. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the facilitating means comprises a rotational member attached to said scoop.
3. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the facilitating means comprises
- said strut mechanism positioned against said control member at a location displaced from the attachment of said scoop to said control member; and
 - means for attaching said strut mechanism to said scoop.
4. Apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said scoop has a lower edge displaced from said elongated control member and said rotational member is attached to said lower edge.
5. Apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein said strut

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mechanism ~~com~~ ~~es~~ oppositely positioned ~~a~~ contacting
said control member.

4/6. Apparatus as defined in claim ³/₄ wherein a plurality
of rotational members are attached at said lower edge.

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7. Apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said rotational member comprises a wheel.

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8. Apparatus as defined in claim 7 wherein said wheel is attached to said scoop by a shaft extending therefrom to an axle for said wheel.

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9. Apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein said strut mechanism comprises oppositely positioned arms contacting said control member and rotational members are connected to said arms.

10. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said scoop has a curvature which extends laterally in relation to said control member perpendicular to the direction of elongation of said control member.

11. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 further including an extension member connected to said control member.

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12. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 for the removal of accumulated material wherein

said control member is an elongated tube;

said control member is attached to a curved scoop by a tube clamp which arcuately contacts said elongated tube and is connected to a flange portion of said scoop;

said strut mechanism comprises a plurality of members each including a foot, a leg and an arm with each arm positioned against said elongated tube at a location displaced from said tube clamp and each foot secured to said scoop.

13. A method for removing accumulated material which comprises the steps of

(a) providing a curved scoop with a control member attached to said scoop over the curvature thereof; and

(b) moving said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material by a strut mechanism having separated feet attached to said scoop with means for facilitating the movement of said scoop positioned beyond and under the leading edge of said scoop;

thereby to guard against hitting roof screws and nails.

14. The method of claim 13 further including the step of positioning a strut mechanism against said control member without connection thereto and attaching said strut mechanism to said scoop.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein a wheel is attached to said curved scoop for facilitating the movement thereof.

~~16. The method of removing accumulated material from a deposit position, comprising the steps of~~

~~(a) positioning a scoop near the accumulated material;~~

~~(b) moving said scoop at an elevated position over the accumulated material; and~~

~~(c) moving said scoop against said accumulated material without engaging a surface on which said accumulated material has been deposited.~~

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said scoop is moved at an elevated position by means engaging said surface.

20. The method of claim 17 further including the steps of (a) positioning a curved scoop, suspended from a control member, at the edge of a roof near accumulated moisture in frozen condition; and (b) supplementing said control member by an extension that allows a movement action parallel to the surface of said roof.

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